

From the Wilmington Commercial.

Wilmington, N. C. March 11, 1850.

The Delegates of the different Counties of the 7th Congressional District, having met in the Masonic Hall: On motion of D. G. McRae, the Convention was temporarily organized, by appointing C. R. Kenan, Chairman, and A. J. Grady, and Wm. H. Bayne, Secretaries.

On motion, a Committee of one Delegate from each county was appointed to report Officers for the Convention. The Committee consisted of: D. G. McRae, Cumberland; Stephen Graham, Duplin; Thos. J. Morisey, Sampson; F. George, Columbus; Abasalom Davis, Robeson; Isaac Wright, Bladen; Edward Sanders, Onslow; James Cassidy, New Hanover; Wm. N. White, Bladen; James H. Pritchard, Brunswick.

The above Committee having retired to perform their duty, the lists of Delegates to the Convention was called, and the following Delegates answered to their names:

New Hanover—G. J. McRae, Thos. Loring, Jno. C. Wood, N. N. Nixon, E. S. George, J. M. Fox, John Howard, James Garrison, W. P. Larkins, Jno. Jones, James P. Moore, John McAnslan, James McIntire, A. Rochelle, John Shepard, J. B. Pigford, T. H. Tate, James Harrel, Joel Moore, Thos. H. Williams, James Cassidy, John B. Bannerman, A. G. Hall, T. D. Meares.

Duplin—Stephen Graham, J. Persall, D. Bowden, Isaac Wright, Col. C. D. Hill, Dr. Faison, Jas. H. Jernan, Zach. Smith, Jr., Blaney Williams, A. J. Grady, George Smith, James Dickinson, James G. Stokes, David Sloan, Hampton Sullivan, Aley Sutherland, Edward E. Hussey, W. H. Hansley, O. R. Kenan, James H. Hicks.

Columbus—H. George, A. F. Toon, M. Powell, Isaac Wright, J. G. McDougall, J. W. Russell, R. Kemp, John Wessell, J. D. Lucas, W. N. White, A. J. Jones, D. McMillan, J. R. Daniel, James O. Andrews, W. Westbrook, John Kane, J. B. Brown.

Robeson—John C. Moore, Dr. A. D. McNair, Duncan Smith, Abs. Davis, Jr., Wm. McNeill, Robert S. French.

Sampson—Wm. Faison, Curtis Thompson, A. A. McKay, T. J. Morisey, Wm. K. Sloumb, Wm. Ashford, J. W. Lane, C. A. Harrison, M. J. Faison, Dr. H. A. Bixel, L. F. Carr, J. M. Jernigan, P. Murphy, J. B. Moore.

Cumberland—Wm. H. Bayne, D. G. McRae, W. J. Fryover, James R. Gee, Hugh McDermick, James George, James Banks, John D. Williams, Jas. Cooke.

Onslow—Dr. Geo. H. McMillan, W. L. F. Redd, Jesse Cooper, S. Humphrey, George Ward, Edward W. Sanders, Eli W. Sanders, Dr. Wm. Wren, Isaac B. Sanders, Charles Gregory.

Bladen—David D. Allen, M. C. Turcutine, Daniel L. Russell.

The Committee to report the organization of the Convention, then returned the following report:

For President—Col. O. R. Kenan, of Duplin.

Vice Presidents—Dr. J. H. McMillan, of Onslow; Wm. Faison, of Sampson; and Nicholas N. Nixon, of New Hanover.

Secretaries—Wm. H. Bayne, A. J. Grady, W. McNeill.

That the rules of the House of Commons govern this body, as far as applicable.

That each County shall have two votes.

That the Delegates from each county be requested to select one of their number to prepare Resolutions for the action of the Convention.

On motion of T. Loring, the same Committee who reported the Officers, were retained as the above Committee.

On motion of Wm. H. Bayne, the Committee to report Resolutions were directed to have 150 copies of the resolutions which they shall prepare, printed for the use of the delegates.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Tuesday Morning, March 12.

The Convention met, according to adjournment. After prayer by Rev. A. P. Repton, the committee reported Resolutions simply appointing delegates to the Nashville Convention. Mr. D. G. McRae, made a minority report, (he being the only one in minority), consisting of a preamble and resolutions, the purpose of which was to send the Convention to the Nashville Convention, but to adjourn, subject to the call of the President, instructing him to call this Convention again together, should it be necessary to hold the Nashville Convention.

Those reports elicited a discussion; and before any action was taken, Mr. Isaac Wright, of Bladen, submitted a resolution, to the effect that the Convention should adjourn, and incidentally advocating Mr. McRae's resolutions. Mr. Samuel Potter also addressed the Convention for an hour in high toned language. Messrs. Joshua Eccles of Cumberland and G. J. McRae spoke at some length in defence of the position of the South, and in favor of appointing delegates.

After these addresses, Mr. Loring proposed a resolution, referring both reports back to the committee for further consideration. Mr. D. G. McRae moved to amend Mr. Loring's resolution by appointing a new committee to refer them to. This amendment was agreed to, and then the resolution was passed. The delegates from each county, after consultation, appointed one from each delegation to form the committee as follows:

G. J. McRae, Cumberland; A. F. Toon, Robeson; Absalom Davis, Bladen; James Banks, Duplin; F. George, Bladen; Isaac Wright, Sampson; Patrick Murphy, Onslow; Isaac B. Sanders.

The Convention then adjourned to 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock, the Convention again met, and the committee, through their Chairman, reported the following preamble and Resolutions:

That in the opinion of this Convention, the present dangerous aspect of affairs, demands of the people of the South, the utmost prudence, moderation, firmness, and union of sentiment and action. To submit tamely to the Convention, and acquiesce in its resolutions, is to surrender the rights of the South, and to place in the hands of the North, the power to determine the fate of the South. While the South is in the midst of this crisis, it is imperative duty of every true son of the South. To exercise a state of feeling, which leads men to think carefully, and speak lightly of a dissolution of the Union, may be to encourage the beginning of a revolution which can never go backward; and ought to be avoided by every patriot. What course then, amid these difficulties, is the part of wise men to pursue? Let the people of the Southern States assemble together in every county, town and village, and in moderation and firmness, take counsel together, and declare their sense of the unjust disregard of their rights by their northern brethren, and warn them of the danger of their course.

Resolved, That the principle of the "Wilmot Proviso," began in political trickery and intrigue, and sustained by fanaticism, would, if sanctioned by Congress, be unconstitutional, unjust, aggressive, and insulting to the South.

Resolved, That while we love and cherish our glorious Union, and desire to abide by it, while in honor and safety we can; and while we yet harbor, in the hope of a return to justice, we cannot refrain from saying, that there is a point beyond that, at which, forbearance will cease to be a virtue.

Resolved, That we, in Convention assembled, do hereby recommend, to the people of the Southern States, that they should unite in a political party, to represent us, in the proposed Nashville Convention.

Resolved, That we represent six delegates from each county, in this Congressional District, to meet in Raleigh, on the 15th day of April next, for the purpose of appointing a delegate to the Nashville Convention, and to recommend a delegate to the Nashville Convention, and to recommend a delegate to the Nashville Convention.

Resolved, That we, yet entertain feelings of the warmest affection, and of the truest friendship, for the people of the Northern States, and of the truest friendship, for the people of the Northern States, and of the truest friendship, for the people of the Northern States.

Mr. Banks of Cumberland, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention recognize the Nashville Convention, simply as an advisory council; to consult and deliberate for the preservation of our Southern interests; as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States—for the welfare of our common country, and the perpetuity of our glorious Union.

Duncan K. McRae, Esq., spoke warmly, fervently, eloquently, and ably in opposition to this resolution. Mr. Banks replied to Mr. McRae, in support of the resolution. Mr. Morisey, of Sampson, addressed the Convention in opposition to the resolution. Mr. Isaac Wright addressed the Convention in opposition to it. Mr. Jere Pearsall spoke in favor of the resolution.

The question having been taken, the resolution was rejected. Counties against it, Duplin, Bladen, Columbus, Sampson and Onslow. Counties for it, New Hanover, Robeson and Cumberland.

Mr. James G. Cook, proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have seen with pleasure the views of the Hon. Daniel Webster, delivered in the Senate of the United States, on the 26th of March last, and the noble stand which he has taken, entitles him to the thanks of every lover of his country. And further, that the Hon. Mr. Webster, in his noble and patriotic labors, to sustain the constitutional rights of the South, deserve the thanks of every Southern man.

Carried unanimously.

The name of the Hon. Robt. Strange was then nominated as the delegate on the part of the Democratic party, to represent this District in the Nashville Convention, and he was unanimously elected.

Mr. Griffith J. McRae, of Wilmington, was nominated after several ballots elected, on the part of the Whigs, to represent the District at Nashville.

Mr. Stephen Graham, of Duplin, was appointed alternate to Hon. Robt. Strange; and Thos. Junius Morisey, alternate to Mr. McRae.

In accordance with the 4th resolution, the counties nominated the following gentlemen as their delegates to the Raleigh Convention.

Cumberland—A. Elliott, W. H. Haigh, J. Banks, J. G. Shepherd, G. W. Pegram, L. Bethune.

New Hanover—W. N. Nixon, D. R. Reid, J. Cassidy, T. H. Tate, S. R. Potter, Col. John D. Jones.

Bladen—W. N. White, J. G. McDougall, J. R. Kemp, T. C. Smith, T. J. Robinson, J. W. Russell.

Robeson—R. S. French, Col. J. McNeill, Col. P. P. Smith, Col. A. McMillan, A. Davis, Col. N. Regan.

Columbus—F. George, Col. J. Maulsby, Alva Smith, Calvin Hays, Rev. H. Lenon, W. J. Stanley.

Onslow—J. A. Wright, Col. L. W. Humphrey, I. B. Sanders, Col. G. J. Ward, D. A. Humphrey, M. L. F. Redd.

Sampson—L. F. Carr, C. A. Harrison, Dr. H. A. Bixel, A. B. Chesnut, A. A. McKay, W. K. Sloumb.

Duplin—O. R. Kenan, Jas. Dickinson, A. J. Grady, A. F. Stanford, Col. C. D. Hall, Dr. Henry W. Fryover.

On motion of D. G. McRae, the Secretaries were directed to have the proceedings published, and copies sent to our Senators and Representative from this District in Congress.

After a vote of thanks to the officers, the Convention adjourned.

OWEN R. KENAN, Pres.

DR. G. H. McMILLAN, Vice Pres.

W. H. BAYNE, Secy.

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WHITEVILLE, N. C., March, 1850.

Mr. Editor—

When we scan the history of nations, and mark the downfall of governments, we find more to have fallen from corruption and treachery, in their own mind, than by the power and skill of their open and avowed enemies. Then, when we see disension, mixed with hypocrisy, raising its hydra-head in our own land, does not the sad experience of the world—does not the mouldering wreck of once flourishing empires call loudly upon those who have an honest love for the Union, and a just veneration for the constitution, to endeavor to avert the angry storm which now seems to be gathering and lowering over these United States? When we behold this beautiful fabric of our Union, and its corner-stone, the constitution, so happily adjusted by the wisdom, integrity, and foresight of our ancestors—when we reflect upon the peace, happiness, and prosperity it has secured to us at home, and the admiration and respect which its success has won for us abroad;—when our hearts become filled with the feelings of '76, and our minds with the reflections that here tyranny and monarchy first found an invincible enemy—does it not seem to every true patriot, to every lover of republican liberty, that the who would disregard or trample upon any clause in that constitution, or attempt to sever one link from this glorious Union, should be marked with eternal infamy and disgrace?

Though some of the causes which have led to the present convulsions of our country, were exhibited very early after the formation of the constitution, yet a half century ago, and who, with the most prophetic eye, would have unfolded the unseen pages of the future, and read to us of the exciting scenes which are now spreading from the Atlantic on our East, to the Pacific on our West? Who then would have disturbed his brain with the idea that the North would now be arraying itself against the Union and the South? That there, where the sword was first unsheathed to avenge our country's wrong, there the dagger would now be drawn to pierce it to its very heart's core? Such scenes and such reflections as these, must make the heart of every true patriot languish and sicken. Though there was a current belief at the South that the great excitement as regards slavery was gotten up only by a few evil-minded fanatics at the North, and obtained only with Northern demagogues, yet when we see the Legislatures of the Northern States, the embodiment of their wisdom and their feeling, drafting Abolition resolutions and sending them to the Governors and Legislatures of the South, does not this banish that belief entirely from our minds, and warn us that the time has come when by which we may baffle their selfish aims, defeat their evil designs, and scatter the dark cloud of disunion which seems to be gathering and threatening in our views.

In the great and important crisis which now seems to shake our country to its very centre, we are proud to know that the only objects which the South have in view, are to hold sacred, and to keep inviolate, that constitution which was bequeathed to us by the wisdom and goodness of our forefathers, and to preserve unbroken our beloved Union, which has so long been the admiration of the civilized world. When we look at the past history of the South, and view her present position, our hearts swell with pride. That she can hold up a spotless character to the world;—that she can present some of the most brilliant pages of the world's history;—that her escutcheon is bright and unsullied;—that she has ever been most loyal to the constitution;—and that her conduct towards the North has ever been open, honorable, and magnanimous. When we see such a people and such a character as this insulted;—when we see that they have yielded to, and passed by unnoticed, Northern aggressions, until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, we feel that we can, that we will, freely expend our last treasure, and pour out our best blood, in her glorious defence. Never has she stooped so low;—never has she so far disregarded truth and justice, as to belie or intermeddle with the institutions of the North; to defraud her of her property, and to deny her her rights. Unequivocal of the prosperity of the North, she has never sought the ascendancy over her in political power, but was always too proud—too magnanimous—even to wish to take the advantage. Does the North presume, upon our long silence, that we have been ignorant of her selfish aims—that we have so much felt our dependence upon her as to yield to any wrong or to submit to any insult? We tell her not to deceive herself with such vain delusions.

THE present population of the Sandwich Islands is under seventy thousand. When the islands were discovered, it exceeded two hundred thousand.

DISSOLUTION.

The co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of R. H. STANTON & Co., is dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs of the concern will be settled by Mr. BARLOW, who will be found at the old stand.

R. H. STANTON, L. M. BARLOW.

March 14, 1850.

THE Union Shall not be Dissolved!

The Subscriber, having determined to devote his entire attention to the Agency Business, will sell his entire Stock of Goods, at actual cost. Bear in mind that they were all purchased in New York, and are the lowest New York cash prices. Those really in want of Goods should lose no time in calling at the Corner Store, Nuts Buildings, North Water Street.

GEORGE ELLIOT, March 14, 1850.

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